

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-43 (Cancelled).

44. (New) A toothbrush, comprising:

a handle having a head portion and a member extending from the head portion;

a movable head connected to the head portion of the handle in a manner such that the moveable head can be pivoted with respect to the head portion of the handle from a first position to a second position when a force is applied to the movable head in a first direction; and

an elastomeric spring engaging the movable head and the member extending from the head portion such that once the force applied to the movable head in the first direction is removed, the elastomeric spring applies a force to the movable head in a second direction, opposite the first direction, such that the movable head is moved from the second position back to the first position.

45. (New) The toothbrush of claim 44, wherein the head portion of the handle has a depression therein.

46. (New) The toothbrush of claim 45, wherein the elastomeric spring is oriented on a face of the depression.

47. (New) The toothbrush of claim 46, wherein the elastomeric spring comprises limbs which are laterally spaced apart and extend approximately longitudinally, and the limbs adjoin a base of the movable head.

48. (New) The toothbrush of claim 47, wherein the base comprises a protrusion having stopping surfaces, the protrusion extends from the moveable head, and the limbs of the elastomeric spring adjoin the stopping surfaces of the protrusion.

49. (New) The toothbrush of claim 48, wherein the stopping surfaces of the protrusion are disposed in the depression.

50. (New) The toothbrush of claim 44, wherein the elastomeric spring comprises limbs which are laterally spaced apart and extend approximately longitudinally, and the limbs adjoin a base of the movable head.

51. (New) The toothbrush of claim 50, wherein the base is a protrusion having stopping surfaces, the protrusion extends from the moveable head, and the limbs of the elastomeric spring adjoin the stopping surfaces of the protrusion.

52. (New) The toothbrush of claim 44, wherein the elastomeric spring element can exert clockwise and counterclockwise torque upon the movable head.

53. (New) The toothbrush of claim 44, wherein the member extending from the head portion of the handle is positioned approximately along a longitudinal axis of the handle.

54. (New) The toothbrush of claim 53, wherein the elastomeric spring engages a base of the moveable head, and the base is positioned approximately along a longitudinal axis of the handle when the moveable head is in the first position.

55. (New) The toothbrush of claim 54, wherein the base is a protrusion extending from the moveable head.

56. (New) The toothbrush of claim 55, wherein the protrusion extends from a rear surface of the moveable head.

57. (New) The toothbrush of claim 56, further comprising bristles extending from a front surface of the moveable head.

58. (New) The toothbrush of claim 44, wherein a pin extending from the moveable head is disposed in a bore formed in the head portion of the handle such that the moveable head can pivot with respect to the head portion of the handle.

59. (New) A toothbrush, comprising:

a handle having a head portion;

a movable head and a member extending from the moveable head, the moveable head connected to the head portion of the handle in a manner such that the moveable head can be pivoted with respect to the head portion of the handle from a first position to a second position when a force is applied to the movable head in a first direction; and

an elastomeric spring engaging the head portion of the handle and the member extending from the moveable head such that once the force applied to the movable head in the first direction is removed, the elastomeric spring applies a force to the movable head in a second direction, opposite the first direction, such that the movable head is moved from the second position back to the first position.

60. (New) The toothbrush of claim 59, wherein the moveable head has a depression therein.

61. (New) The toothbrush of claim 60, wherein the elastomeric spring is oriented on a face of the depression.

62. (New) The toothbrush of claim 61, wherein a protrusion having stopping surfaces extends from the head portion of the handle, the elastomeric spring comprises limbs which are laterally spaced apart and extend approximately longitudinally, and the limbs adjoin the stopping surfaces of the protrusion extending from the head portion of the handle.

63. (New) The toothbrush of claim 62, wherein the stopping surfaces of the protrusion are disposed in the depression.

64. (New) The toothbrush of claim 59, wherein a protrusion having stopping surfaces extends from the head portion of the handle, the elastomeric spring comprises limbs which are laterally spaced apart and extend approximately longitudinally, and the limbs adjoin the stopping surfaces of the protrusion extending from the head portion of the handle.

65. (New) The toothbrush of claim 59, wherein the elastomeric spring element can exert clockwise and counterclockwise torque upon the movable head.

66. (New) The toothbrush of claim 59, wherein the member extending from the moveable head is positioned approximately along a longitudinal axis of the handle when the moveable head is in the first position.

67. (New) The toothbrush of claim 66, wherein the elastomeric spring engages a protrusion of the head portion of the handle, and the protrusion is positioned approximately along a longitudinal axis of the handle.

68. (New) The toothbrush of claim 67, wherein the member extends from a rear surface of the moveable head.

69. (New) The toothbrush of claim 68, further comprising bristles extending from a front surface of the moveable head.

70. (New) The toothbrush of claim 59, wherein a pin extending from the moveable head is disposed in a bore formed in the head portion of the handle such that the moveable head can pivot with respect to the head portion of the handle.